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“Shubhaam Vidyaam Shraddaanaha Aadadeeta”

Auspicious knowledge shall be received with humble respect

VISION

Learning law from the holistic knowledge of life in a universal perspective

MISSION

To realise the vision, the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur aims to provide opportunities and global facilities for students and scholars with an endeavour to develop and nurture their intellect,

- ★ By exploring and expanding their personalities and potential to the fullest;
- ★ By helping them broaden their vision from the depths of the earth to limitless space, beyond all man-made boundaries;
- ★ By imparting comprehensive knowledge of law, society and justice;
- ★ By shaping them into future judges and lawyers, scholars and teachers; and
- ★ By inculcating the mettle of integrity, excellence and technique, for fostering nobility in the field of law.

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Judge, Supreme Court of India

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- Prof. C. Ramesh Kumar (Special Invitee), OSD Academics, MNLU, Nagpur

Message from the Desk
of the

Vice-Chancellor



It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural edition of official newsletter of Maharashtra Law National University, Nagpur. It has been a long and arduous journey for all of us since our inception, but that has not deterred us from giving our best. Having embarked on the quest for academic excellence and prestige amongst the *crème-de-la-crème* of the country's law schools, we aim to not just be one of the best, but the best. We are dedicated to pushing boundaries and exploring new frontiers of legal education, all the while maintaining a healthy teaching and learning environment among our faculty, scholars and students. It is these faculty, scholars and students, after all, on whom the spotlight of all our endeavours, focus and success rests.

Our fully residential campus, with its state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure, has been planned keeping

in mind every need that young students might have in order to become pioneers in their field while also achieving their goal of self-actualisation. This goal will be strengthened even more once we have accomplished the construction of our sprawling permanent campus, spanning over 60 acres' scenic landscapes. In the meantime, we have assured that our students will want for nothing, by providing them with a fully Wi-Fi campus, smart classrooms, library and reading rooms, hostel accommodations, health and wellness centre, university bus, and numerous other facilities and benefits. Our committed faculty constitutes the best and brightest. This set of exceptional minds is devoted to creating a diverse environment that focuses not just on academic distinction but also extracurricular and social outreach brilliance. With this in mind, we ensured our very first batch of students had the best learning experience and exposure possible, enriching the year with guest lectures, inter- and intra-university competitions, expeditions to local courts and community outreach, including legal aid camps.

The idea that a young university could achieve so much in its first year may seem surreal, but we are determined to surpass all expectations. Without further ado, I invite our readers to share with us the joy of our achievements and growth.

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(Vijender Kumar)

Welcome to the University

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (MNLU, Nagpur) was established in the year 2016 by the Government of Maharashtra to further the cause of academic excellence in the legal industry. With Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde as Chancellor, the University is committed to pioneering innovative research and shaping the minds of the greatest young lawyers of the coming generations. The University has employed an exceptional faculty to achieve this goal. Together, the teaching and non-teaching staff is dedicated to grooming and fostering young students as they realise their ambitions and quench their thirst for knowledge.

The objectives of MNLU, Nagpur are manifold, mainly to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and their role in national development; to develop in the students and research scholars a sense of responsibility; to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, legal services, legislation, law reforms and the like; to organize lectures, seminars, symposia, conferences and capacity building programmes; to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes efficient instruments of social justice and development; to promote traditional, cultural, legal and ethical values with a view to promote and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India; and to liaise with institutions of higher learning and research in India and abroad.

To this end, the University has taken various steps towards the welfare of students such as providing career counsellor, personality developer, free medical

insurance and a health center for all the students. Presently the University offers B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Programme and One-Year LL.M. Degree Programme. The University also aims to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree Programme from 2017.

The University focuses on not just academic success but also creating a holistic environment for students where they can thrive and excel in every field. This is assured not just with the facilities on campus but also by means of extra-curricular activities. Not forgetting the essential goal of an ideal lawyer to help society, the University also encourages social outreach, including legal aid. Thus, in addition to regular classes, the students are encouraged to participate in workshops, seminars, conferences, debates, moot court competitions, etc.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Orientation of the First Batch of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course
- Limited Architectural Design Competition
- Flagship Journal
- Socio-Legal Outreach

Inaugural Batch of Students

MNLU, Nagpur commenced the first academic session with a warm welcome for students of the first batch of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course along with the first batch of the LL.M. One-Year Post graduate Degree Course. An Orientation Programme for B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course and LL.M. was held on July 31, 2016 at the Auditorium of the University where the Vice-Chancellor along with

Registrar and OSD Academics addressed all students and parents. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, congratulated and commended the students for joining the University. He also shared his valuable experience from his career and life with the enthusiastic students. It was a day of festivity and hope for the budding lawyers.



Inspirations Galore

During the period of the newsletter, many experts hailing from different field of studies visited the University and shared their experience and expertise over the subject with the students and the faculty members and inspired them to explore various dimensions of legal field towards the overall and inclusive growth of the field of law.



**Hon'ble Chancellor with the first Batch of
B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course**

Hon'ble Shri Justice R.C. Chavan, Former Judge, Bombay High Court interacted with the first batch of UG students on August 11-12, 2016 and discussed various career options in Law and expressed his desire from the budding lawyers for the benefit of the society.



Hon'ble Shri Justice R.C. Chavan

Prof. (Dr.) A. Lakshminath, Vice-Chancellor, CNLU, Patna interacted with the first batch of UG students on August 23, 2016 and gave them an insight into Legal Theories and Jurisprudence. He also discussed the evolution of laws in India and its nexus with the Judicial Precedents.



Prof. (Dr.) A. Lakshminath

Prof. (Dr.) K.P.S. Mahalwar, Chair Professor, Professional Ethics, National Law University, Delhi visited the University on August 30, 2016 and addressed the students on the significance of laws and role of professional ethics in the field of medical science with the issues and challenges related to Medical Negligence in the contemporary era.



Prof. (Dr.) K.P.S. Mahalwar



Prof. (Dr.) C.S. Patil



Prof. (Dr.) O.V. Nandimath

Prof. (Dr.) O.V. Nandimath, Professor of Law and Registrar of NLSIU, Bangalore and Prof. (Dr.) C.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor (Actg.), Karnataka State Law University, visited the University and interacted with the students on August 31, 2016. They emphasised the importance of research in the field of Law and encouraged the students to undertake research and develop their skills towards enhancing the quality of legal research.

Adv. Bharti Dangre, Government Pleader, Bombay High Court Bench at Nagpur interacted with the students on September 10, 2016 and gave them insight into contours of litigation in the modern legal system in India.



Adv. Bharti Dangre

Dr. N.M. Ghatate, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Former Vice-Chairman of Law Commission of India, New-Delhi delivered a lecture on 'Comparative Governance' on September 21, 2016. He also discussed the dynamics of political relations in the international arena.



Dr. N.M. Ghatate

Hon'ble Shri Justice K.J. Rohee, Former Judge, Bombay High Court interacted with the first batch of students and introduced them to the concept of 'Tortious Liability' on September 24, 2016. He also discussed the evolving law of tort in India and its related issues and challenges.



Hon'ble Shri Justice K.J. Rohee

Hon'ble Shri Justice B.R. Gavai, Senior Judge, Bombay High Court, addressed the students and discussed the Career Opportunities in Legal Field on October 8, 2016. He also encouraged the students towards the judicious use of digital resources in the data driven world while undertaking research and inaugurated the Wi-Fi facility at the University campus.



Hon'ble Shri Justice B.R. Gavai

Prof. (Dr.) K. Vidyullatha Reddy, Professor of Law, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad delivered a lecture on 'Legal Aid' on October 8, 2016. She emphasised the need for adopting and initiating Legal Aid Clinics towards the access to justice for all sections of the society.



Prof. (Dr.) K. Vidyullatha Reddy

Hon'ble Shri Justice M.N. Gilani, Former Judge, Bombay High Court, visited the University and interacted with the students on October 15, 2016. He discussed the role and significance of Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal in the light of ensuring transparency and accountability in functioning of the State.



Hon'ble Shri Justice M.N. Gilani

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Manjula Chellur, Chief Justice, Bombay High Court visited the University and interacted with the students on October 18, 2016. She enlightened the students on changing dynamics of Gender Justice and the role and importance of National Law Universities in encouraging budding lawyers to herald a vision for a just and equal society. She was accompanied by Hon'ble Shri Justice B.R. Gavai, Judge, Bombay High Court and Hon'ble Shri Justice S.B. Shukre, Judge, Bombay High Court.



Hon'ble Smt. Justice Manjula Chellur

Shri Justice G. Raghuram, Former Judge, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Hyderabad, and Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal visited the University on October 24, 2016 and delivered a lecture on Hierarchy and Functioning of Courts towards ensuring the delivery of Justice in India.



Hon'ble Shri Justice G. Raghuram

Magsaysay Awardee Dr. Prakash Baba Amte, Noted Social Worker and Member, General Council of the University along with his wife Dr. Mandakani Amte visited the University on November 3, 2016 and interacted with the students and faculty. He emphasised the need for reforms in the legal system for the benefit of each section of the society. He also shared his hefty experience of services towards the marginalised class and motivated the budding lawyers to work towards their welfare. The function was presided over by Hon'ble Shri Justice A.B. Chaudhari, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court.



Hon'ble Shri Justice A.B. Chaudhari, Dr. Prakash Baba Amte and Dr. Mandakani Amte

Prof. (Dr.) I. Ramabrahmam, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Subodh, Department of History, University of Hyderabad, Prof. (Dr.) N. Purendra Prasad, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Prof. (Dr.) V. Ramakrishna, Professor of History (Rtd.) University of Hyderabad and Prof. (Dr.) E. Haribabu, Professor of Sociology, University of Hyderabad visited the university on November 5, 2016 and delivered their lectures on nexus between various field of studies and the need of multi-dimensional role of law in the contemporary era.



Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit Singh Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab (Patiala) visited the University on November 9, 2016 and delivered a lecture on Research Methodology and its importance in the life of lawyers, faculties and the students. He also discussed various models of research and shared his desire for improving the quality of legal research in India.



Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit Singh Jaswal

Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Department of Laws, Panjab University interacted with students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course on November 9, 2016 and delivered a lecture on Gender Justice within the Indian Constitutional Framework and placed emphasis on the need for ensuring gender sensitisation for inclusive growth.



Prof. (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal

Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU Bangalore visited the University on November 9, 2016 and enlightened the Undergraduate students to understand the Schools of Jurisprudence. He also discussed the significance of Jurisprudence in understanding and interpreting the legal principles.



Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao

Prof. (Dr.) Bhavani Prasad Panda, Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai visited the University on November 22, 2016 and interacted with the students. He discussed the importance and role of criminology and the emerging areas of study in the field. He also emphasised the need for an impregnable criminal justice system with the effective legal enforcement.



Prof. (Dr.) Bhavani Prasad Panda

Hon'ble Shri Justice B.P. Dharmadhikari, Judge, Bombay High Court, visited the University to celebrate National Constitution Day and interacted with the students and faculty on November 26, 2016. He discussed the increasing importance of Consumer Protection laws in contemporary era and also enlightened the students with the principles governing the Limitation Act 1963.



Hon'ble Shri Justice B.P. Dharmadhikari

Hon'ble Shri Justice Mohan Pieris, Former Chief Justice of Sri Lanka delivered lectures to Undergraduate and Postgraduate students on Comparative Legal Systems and Comparative Constitutional Law between November 28-30, 2016. He also interacted with the faculty and shared his valuable inputs on law and justice.



Hon'ble Shri Justice Mohan Pieris

Hon'ble Shri Justice B.N. Srikrishna, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, visited the University on December 3, 2016 as part of 'Course Content Development on Nyaya Shastra'. He discussed the principles of Legal Jurisprudence and its nexus with ancient Indian literature with the faculty members of the University and KKSU, Ramtek. The Programme was presided over by Hon'ble Shri Justice. S.A. Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chancellor of the University.



Hon'ble Shri Justice B.N. Srikrishna with the faculty members

Dr. S.M. Kantikar, Member, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission visited the University on February 11, 2017 and delivered a talk on Consumer Protection Laws and Medical Negligence. He placed emphasis on the need for reform in legal provisions related to Medical Negligence in the light of rising violence against the medical practitioners and also discussed its contemporary issues and challenges.



Dr. S.M. Kantikar with the Vice-Chancellor and faculty of the University

Hon'ble Shri Justice V.S. Sirpurkar, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and Member, General Council of the University visited the University on April 27, 2017. He delivered a thought-provoking lecture on Competition Law to both Undergraduate and Postgraduate students. He discussed the evolving laws related to fair competition in India starting from Monopolistic and Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1969 to the Competition Act 2002. Further, he discussed the role and functions of Competition Commission of India (CCI) towards ensuring a just and fair business environment. He also shared his experience of dealing with cases related to cartelisation such as the Cement Cartel case, etc. as a Chairman of CCI.



Hon'ble Shri Justice V.S. Sirpurkar

University Milestones

Limited Architectural Design Competition

The Infrastructure Development Monitoring Committee (IDMC) of the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur resolved to hold a 'Limited Architectural Design Competition' as per norms of the Council of Architecture (CoA). The 'Limited Architectural Design Competition' was held to solicit the best possible architectural design for the proposed permanent campus of the University at Waranga. The launch of the Limited Architectural Design Competition was significant for the University and the city of Nagpur. Perhaps it is for the first time that a design is being sought through a Limited Architectural Design Competition for a National Law University. The goal is to inspire a design that will be representative of contemporary architecture of the twenty first century and an internationally recognised symbol of India.

There were 10 entries from esteemed architects from all over the country. All the architects visited the permanent campus site at Waranga on March 31, 2017. Question and Answer session was conducted on April 1, 2017. A Board of Assessors was constituted by the University consisting of leading experts from various fields.

The University in association with Indian Institute of Architects, Nagpur (IIA-N) organised a panel discussion on March 31, 2017 on the topic of 'Fetish for the Object' wherein the participating Architects of 'Limited Architectural Design Competition' shared their views on the topic. The programme was attended by the members of IIA-N and the students of Architecture from the colleges in and around Nagpur.



Venturing Unlearning and Relearning

The first Faculty Development Programme of the University was held on December 08, 2016 on 'Teaching Techniques' wherein, Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao, Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore, interacted with faculties and the post-graduate students of the University and discussed various methods of teaching with the issues and challenges for a teacher in the contemporary era.



Prof. (Dr.) T.V. Subba Rao

Prof. Sital Kalantry, Clinical Professor of Law, Cornell Law School visited the University on December 9, 2016 for the Second Faculty Development Programme on Clinical Legal Education. She shared her various initiatives towards Clinical Legal Education and emphasised the importance of imbining the culture of creating a link between academicians and the legal practitioners. She was accompanied by Hon'ble Shri Justice R.C. Chavan, Former Judge, Bombay High Court.



Prof. Sital Kalantry with Hon'ble Shri Justice R.C. Chavan and Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar

The Third Faculty Development Programme of the University was held on January 11, 2017 wherein, Prof. (Dr.) V. Nagaraj, Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore visited the University and delivered a lecture on 'Designing Course Outlines'. He shared his experience in designing the curriculum to meet the needs of the current generation.



Prof. (Dr.) V. Nagaraj

The Fourth Faculty Development Programme of the University was held on January 11, 2017 wherein, Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore visited the University and delivered a lecture on 'Role of a National Law University Teacher'. He discussed the importance of research by the teachers to update and widen the horizon of understanding the domain of study.



Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao

Flagship Journal

One of the objectives of the University is to conduct cutting edge interdisciplinary research which would reflect in the form of publication, teaching and learning of students, scholars and faculty of the University. In view of this, the University launched its maiden issue, *viz.*, Contemporary Law Review (CLR), a faculty edited Bi-Annual Peer-reviewed Journal. The Journal is harbinger of quality research and it would be an effective research tool by sparking scholastic conversation among a diverse group of academicians, judges, jurists, practitioners, students, activists, scholars and prominent thinkers. The Flagship journal would contain research papers, case comments and book reviews which bear testimony to the commitment of the journal to explore new horizons of research and learning. Hon'ble Shri Justice S.A. Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chancellor of the University is the Chief Patron and Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Vice-Chancellor is the Patron of the Journal.

The Editorial Board invited call for papers for Vol. I, No. I of the Journal on December 18, 2016 through electronic and print media. The last date for acceptance of papers was January 31, 2017. The Editorial Board applied for verification of title to District Collector, Nagpur on December 20, 2016 and received the verification of title from the Government of India, Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on January 27, 2017 *vide* Ref. No. 1307170 dated 27/01/2017. The work of faculty peer review and the external subject expert review is going on to finalise the contents and printing of the Journal soon.

Magnanimous Benefactors

The University received following endowments:

- An Endowment of Rs.10,00,000/- made by family members & friends of Late Hon'ble Justice S.M. Daud, Former Judge, Bombay High Court on October 11, 2016 towards instituting a lecture series in his memory.
- An Endowment of Rs.5,00,000/- towards institution of Gold Medal was made by Senior Advocate C.S. Kaptan, Bombay High Court Bench at Nagpur on October 31, 2016.
- An Endowment of Rs.5,00,000/- towards institution Gold Medal was made by Laxmibai Chaudhary Charitable Trust, Khandala on November 7, 2016.
- An Endowment of Rs.10,00,000/- made by Smt. Prem Lata Sanghi on December 12, 2016 towards instituting a lecture series in the Memory of Late Shri G.L. Sanghi, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India.





Glimpses from the Visit

Constructive Collaborations

The Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore on December 7, 2016, National Law University, Delhi (NLU-D) on December 17, 2016 and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab on May 6, 2017 for fostering academic collaboration between the two universities. This MoU facilitates MNLU, Nagpur to operationalise its vision and mission of ensuring academic collaboration that will encompass exchange of students and members of faculty between the two universities; collaborate in mutually agreeable academic events, teaching, training and research; offer full time as well as optional courses to the B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course and LL.M. One-Year Postgraduate Degree Course offered at these universities on mutually agreeable terms and conditions; supervise Ph.D. Scholars in interdisciplinary areas of research having interface with law; and initiate other academic activities, research and publication. In addition to this, active efforts will be made to develop joint training and collaborative research programmes that will be pursued in a collaborative spirit.

Sneak Peek into the Future

The students and the faculty members visited the permanent campus site of MNLU, Nagpur on November 22, 2016. The students, faculty members and the officers of the University during the visit got the feel of being a family in the making of an institution of excellence.



Signing of MoU with NLSIU, Bangalore



Signing of MoU with NLU Delhi



Signing of MoU with RGNUL, Punjab

Student's Corner

Visit to High Court

The students of the University went to the Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench and gained an in-depth knowledge of the workings of the court. The first batch of Undergraduate students interacted with the practicing lawyers and experienced a first-hand working procedures of the Court. Students also visited the High Court Library and Court Rooms and understood the Bar and Bench relationship.



Socio-Legal Outreach

The Legal Aid Committee of the University organised a Legal Aid Camp at Waranga village on January 22, 2017. The Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Faculty Members and Student Volunteers interacted with the villagers on their socio-legal problems.



The second Legal Aid Camp was organised on March 30, 2017 at Wakeshwar village, Nagpur (Rural). Students of the University had prepared charts and posters to pass on information about various laws, schemes and legal provisions and other issues of relevance that can be helpful to farmers, rural daily wages workers, and school going children. Legal Aid Student Committee members and the student volunteers of the University also enacted a play on 'Crop Insurance Schemes'.



Model United Nations (MUN) Debate

The University organised a training session on 'Model United Nations (MUN) Debate' for the students of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course on February 1, 2017. Dr. Sukhwinder Singh and his team from Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad conducted the training *via* Skype. Mr. Sopan Sinde from MNLU Nagpur coordinated the session.

Celebration of Cultural Diversity

The University celebrated its first Ethnic Day 'Sanskrotsav' with great zest on February 25, 2017. Students dressed up in different traditional attires. It was a day filled with fun and frolic, culture and tradition everywhere across the campus of MNLU, Nagpur. Students along with the faculty members participated in various events organised by the student's cultural committee of the University and also relished the luscious regional delicacies.



Give Blood, Give Life

The Student Welfare Committee of the University encouraged the students and faculty members to participate in the voluntary Blood Donation Programme organised at the Bombay High Court Bench at Nagpur. The Vice-Chancellor, Registrar also participated and donated the blood.



Gathering of Champions

The University organised its first ever annual sports fest- SPORTACUS. The event witnessed a friendly competitive spirit, good sportsmanship and camaraderie. The fest consisted of several events such as cricket, football, tug of war and karate to name but a few. It was not just the students but also the faculty members who participated with gusto. At the end of the event, the winners were awarded the trophies.



Ode to the Tricolour



Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur celebrated its first cultural event (Talent Hunt) on the 70th Year of Independence in the presence of Hon'ble Shri Justice R.C. Chavan, Former Judge, Bombay High Court, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Registrar Dr. N.M. Sakarkar, OSD (Academic) Ramesh Kumar Chamarti and other faculty members along with the non-teaching staff. The event comprised speeches, various dance and music performances inspired from diverse cultures of India. The students presented scintillating performances which left the audience amazed. The event was later concluded with a brief brunch at the University mess.

The University celebrated the 68th Republic Day on January 26, 2017 with great enthusiasm. It was the first ever sense of patriotism among the students as a part of the University. The programme was attended by all the teaching and non-teaching staff, students of the University and the staff of the Judicial Officers Training Institute (JOTI), Nagpur.

Cherishing our Gurus

The students of MNLU, Nagpur came together to honour their teachers through a zealous Teachers Day celebration on the campus. The joyous celebrations also included various cultural events performed by the students.



Internships

In order to expand the horizons of practical understanding of law in action, the University mandates the students to undergo compulsory internship during the semester breaks of May-June and November-December every year. Following are the list of NGOs/Law Firms/Government Organisations/Public Sector Undertakings/High Courts and Supreme Court where students have interned in the Academic Year 2016-17:

- Spandan, Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh
- Gurukul Bahudeshiya Sanstha, Yavatmal, Maharashtra
- Madhya Pradesh High Court, Bench at Indore
- Indian Red Cross Society, Patna Bihar
- SOUL, Noida
- Indian Law Institute, Delhi
- Insolution Global Pvt Limited, Mumbai
- Hon'ble Judges Library, Bombay High Court Bench at Nagpur
- Centre for Integrated Development, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- Army War Library, Mahow Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- Rotary International, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Mango Tree Society, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- National Law University Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Sarthi Trust, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- National Library, Kolkata, West Bengal
- Kadambani Shiksha Evam Samaj Kalyan Sewa Samiti, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Dinbandhu Shikshan Va Samajik Sanstha, Yavatmal, Maharashtra
- Library, Symbiosis, University, Pune, Maharashtra
- Swaraj Grameen Vikas Pratishthan, Jalna, Maharashtra
- SAKAR, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- Gyan Mandir Nivasi Shala, Nagpur, Maharashtra
- National Green Tribunal, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Hope Foundation, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- Pararth Samiti, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh
- Bhopal Gas Tragedy, Relief and Rehabilitation Department, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Human Rights Law Network, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University Library, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
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- AALI, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Human Rights Law Network, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
- Yashwant Law Library, Wardha, Uttar Pradesh
- Samvad, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Students Bring Laurels to the University

During the period, the students have participated in various curricular and extracurricular activities. Following are some of the accomplishments made by the students:

- A moot team consisting of Mr. Advaya Hari Singh, Ms. Avani Dubey and Ms. Akshita Mittal, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in the 6th RGNUL National Moot Court Competition 2017 organised by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law Punjab, Patiala during March 31 - April 2, 2017.
- A moot team consisting of Ms. Divyani Auti, Mr. Palash Chakole, and Ms. Shweta Priya, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 2nd NJ Yasaswy Memorial Constitutional Law Moot 2017 ICAFI at Dehradun during April 14-15, 2017. Ms. Shweta Priya won the Best Researcher's award.
- A moot team consisting of Ms. Astha Pandey, Ms. Medha Patil and Mr. Aman Bahl, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 9th Justice Hidayatullah Memorial National Moot Court Competition 2017 organised by Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur during March 24-26, 2017.
- A moot team consisting of Ms. Diksha Dubey, Ms. Chetna Agrawal and Mr. Bhaskar Anand, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in UPES 2nd Techno Legal National Moot Court Competition 2017 organised by UPES Dehradun during March 17-19, 2017.
- A moot team consisting of Ms. Shreya Pandey, Mr. Pranjal Pandey and Ms. Hricha Gandhi, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in Moot Court Competition organised by NMIMS, Mumbai during March 24-26, 2017.
- A moot team consisting of Mr. Abhinav Saxena, Ms. Shagun Gupta and Mr. Satyam Verma, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 1st Surana & Surana & KLE Law College National Moot Court Competition 2017 organised by KLE Law College, Bengaluru during March 24-26, 2017.



- A moot team consisting of Ms. Srishti Pandey, Mr. Ravi Sharma and Mr. Sarwesh Gawane, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in TNNLS- First National Moot Court Competition 2017 organised by National Law University Trichy, Tamil Nadu during March 24 -26, 2017.
- A team of students consisting of Mr. Mritunjay Pathak, Mr. Sarwesh Gawane, Ms. Hricha Gandhi, Ms. Akanksha Sinha, Ms. Shwetna Priya, Ms. Shagun Gupta, Mr. Bharat Saini, Mr. Narendra Singh Rathore, Mr. Satyam Verma, Mr. Aditya Jain, Mr. Ravi Sharma, Mr. Hitesh Gedam, Ms. Riya Seth, Mr. Dipankar Kamble, Mr. Pratik Shende and Mr. Rajat Yatta represented the University in 15th Justa Causa 2017 organised by B.R. Ambedkar College of Law, Nagpur during March 17-18, 2017.
- A team consisting of Ms. Shwetna Priya and Ms. Akanksha Sinha secured the Second Prize in Crossword Competition 2017. Ms. Divyani Auti secured the 1st Prize in National Turn Coat Debate Competition 2017, organised by B.R. Ambedkar College of Law, Nagpur.
- A moot team consisting of Ms. Pranali Tayade, Ms. Tanushri Bagde and Mr. Prakhar Agarwal, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 2nd NLIU-Justice RK Tankha International Moot Court Competition 2017 organised by National Law Institute University, Bhopal, held during February 17-19, 2017.
- A moot team consisting of Mr. Utkarsh Pandey, Mr. Sarthak Bharsakle, Mr. Aditya Jain, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 1st VIPS Dispute Resolution and Client Counselling Competition held during April 7-8, 2017.
- A moot team consisting of Mr. Mrityunjay Pathak, Ms. Shreya Agrawal, Mr. Himanshu Kaswa, students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course represented the University in 2nd Anand Swaroop Memorial National Moot Court Competition organised by Sharda University held during April 5-7, 2017.



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